

Hartnett, LB 536, and Chambers to LB 832, all to be printed, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time. (See pages 2139-46 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to LB 841.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 841 was a bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on April 30, referred to the Transportation Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Transportation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Neither the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Committee were available to present the committee amendments and I hope you will bear with me as I try to work through them with you. They're fairly simple and I think as we get into the discussion on LB 841 itself that's introduced by the Appropriations Committee, and as you look in your bill books you will notice that there was a good deal of opposition to LB 841 on the part of the counties, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, as well as individual representatives of various counties throughout the state. As it boiled down, I think, in the discussion and the testimony that was heard by the committee, and discussions that have taken place outside of the committee and after the hearing, there seems to be a good deal of fear on the part of some of the counties of being able to meet the deadlines in the mandatory portion of LB 841. The original opposition was just having it mandated at all. As discussions were held, I think it boiled down to a matter of being able to comply with the time elements involved. The dates, as originally introduced by the Appropriations Committee, mandated that all of the compliance be met by the counties by January 1st of 1995. In discussions with the counties, while they still weren't overly enthusiastic about the bill at all and the mandates in the bill, they felt it could become much more palatable if that date was changed from January 1st of 1995 to July 1st of 1997. Because of this, the committee, in trying to reach a compromise of understanding that we needed to move forward to see that all 93 counties were brought onto the system, that if we could work out some compromise language as far as the implementation of that system in order to help them deal with whether they're real or imagined